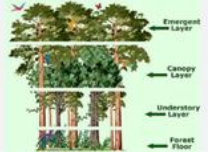




# Curriculum Overview Year 5 Summer 2 – Rainforest and the Amazon Main Enquiry questions

In this unit children will learn all about the Amazon Rainforest: the different layers, and its biodiversity, the river, its geography and climate - as well as the impact of deforestation.



## Significant People

### Tribes and Indigenous peoples

- Awá Brazil.
- Ayoreo Paraguay.
- Guarani Brazil.
- Kawahiva Brazil.
- The Uncontacted Frontier
- Yanomami Brazil.



- Where are the world's rainforests?
- What makes up a rainforest?
- What are the main features of a rainforest?
- Why are the rainforests being cut down?
- Why does the Amazon Rainforest matter so much?

## Key Concepts

Place, Environment, location, scale, change, distribution, processes, interaction,  
Interdependence & sustainability.

## English Texts

This term in English we will be studying the following texts:

**Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins**

**The Last Wild by Piers Torday**

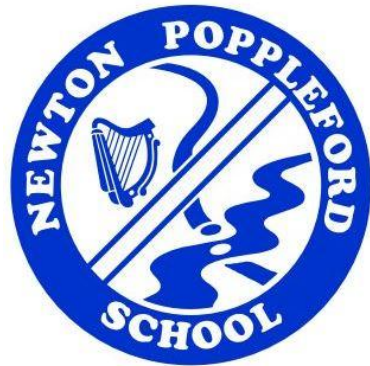
## Maths Learning

Decimals, negative numbers, converting units & measurement.

Here are the home learning links: Just click on the relevant area to access the videos:  
<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources?year=year-5->

Geographical Links	Science	DT	PE	Music	RE	Computing	French	PSHE
Deforestation - How can I help make a difference?	<b>Living things and their habitats</b> Describe the differences in life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Independently use secondary sources to research the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists.	Food—What could be healthier?	Athletics	Reflect, Rewind and Replay	<i>What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?</i>	<b>Programming B - Selection in quizzes.</b> They use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task and implement it as a program.	Chez moi (My Home)	<b>Citizenship &amp; Economic wellbeing:</b> Breaking the law Rights & responsibilities Protecting the planet Contributing to the community Pressure groups Parliament

Our curriculum elements for this half term:



**Trips, activities and/or visits  
this term:**









2<sup>nd</sup> June – Transition event to Sidmouth College

11<sup>th</sup> June – Eden Project Trip

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Instrumental Inspire trip

Beginning of July – Westcountry Rivers Trust workshop

Ongoing sporting events at Sidmouth College

<b>Learning hook</b>		Explore the Rainforest.
<b>Fieldwork</b>		Linked to geography— rainforest transient art
<b>Written outcome</b>		Information text about a nature environment. Write a newspaper report.
<b>Creative outcome</b>		We will be cooking something fun in DT.
<b>Adventure (activities in Adventure Island)</b>		Children will be using some tool work (using a knife), create rainforest transient art, enjoy campfire cooking and hopefully balsam bashing.
<b>Play Project</b>		With reception
<b>Celebration</b>		We will share our knowledge and experiences with other classes.
<b>Retrieval practice</b>		Children will look back at last terms topic.





Learning & growing together,  
taking every opportunity.

RESPECT - ADVENTURE - ACHIEVE

## Suggested texts to read at home with your children

### Curriculum Overview: Year 5, Summer 2 Rainforest and The Amazon Deforestation - How can I help make a difference?

<p><b>Key Text</b> Journey to the river sea By Eva Ibbotson</p> 	<p><b>Key Text</b> The Explorer By Katherine Rundell</p> 
<p>A joyous Amazon adventure set in the lush nature of Brazil. Journey to the River Sea is filled with mystery and extraordinary characters.</p> <p>Maia, an orphan, can't wait to reach her distant relatives a thousand miles up the Amazon. She imagines a loving family with whom she will share great adventures. Instead she finds two spiteful cousins who see the jungle as the enemy and refuse to go outdoors. But the wonders of the rainforest more than make up for the hideous twins and their parents.</p>	<p>From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him.</p> <p>As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.</p> <p>Except, it seems, someone has been there before them</p>

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
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